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PETE!
SOMEONE'S OUTSIDE THE REEF!
THEY NEED HELP!!!
NO ONE CAN FIGHT THAT CURRENT!
OR THE SHARKS!!!
1


IT'S OKAY !!!
YOU'RE SAFE NOW !!!
BUT THE OTHERS--
THEY'RE ALL PRISONERS !!!
PRISONERS ???
I'M FROM THE COLONY ON TAKAHO !
WE'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT THAT PLACE !
TAKAHO IS WORSE THAN THE RUMORS !!!
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OUR LEADER PROMISED US FREEDOM... BUT GAVE US SLAVERY!!!
ONE NIGHT A FRIEND AND I WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE!!!
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BUT A STORM CAME UP!!!
3


WE WERE TOSSED OVERBOARD !!!
I NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN!
AND THEN WE FOUND YOU!
BUT MY FRIEND IS LOST!
AND ALL THE OTHERS ?!!...
HUNDREDS OF US FOLLOWED OUR LEADER FROM AMERICA!
WE TRUSTED HIM---
--- BUT HE BETRAYED US!
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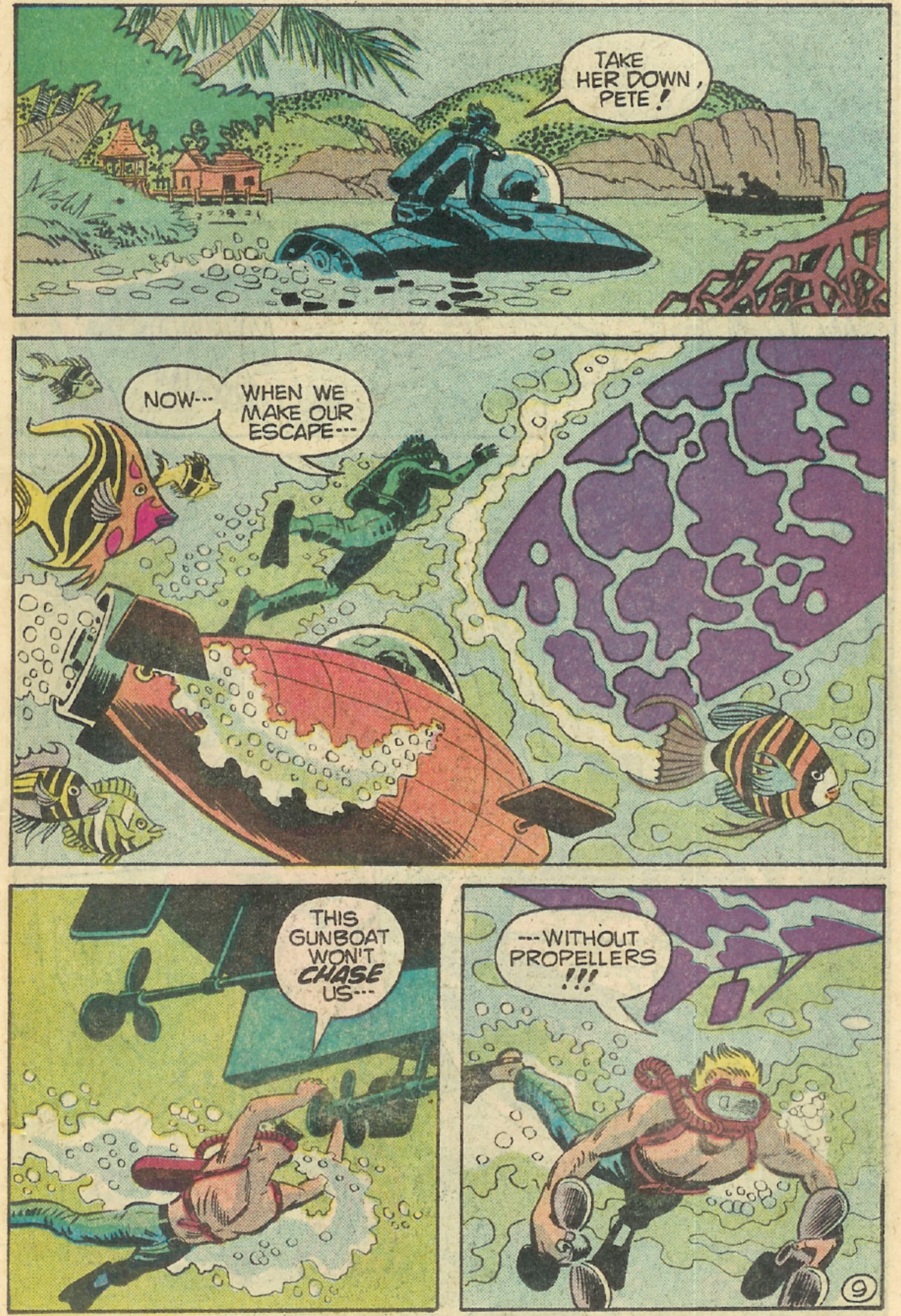

DAD, I THINK PETE AND I OUGHT TO SAIL OVER TO TAKAHO---
AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!
THAT COULD BE DANGEROUS!!!
DANGER NEVER STOPPED YOU, DAD!
YOU GAVE UP A BIG MEDICAL PRACTICE IN THE STATES TO HELP THESE PEOPLE!!!
THE YOUNG AMERICANS ON TAKAHO NEED HELP, TOO!
OKAY, SONS!!!
LORD BLESS YOU!!!
5


TAKAHO... BEAUTIFUL, PEACEFUL, PROMISING SO MUCH... BUT TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...
THERE IT IS, TOM!
I'LL USE THE ONE-MAN SUB!
THEY DON'T HAVE TO KNOW THERE ARE TWO OF US!
A SAILBOAT APPROACHES!!!
SOUND THE ALERT!!!
THIS IS A PRIVATE ISLAND!!!
I WANT TO JOIN YOUR COLONY!!!
IT'S NOT EASY...
--TO BE ONE OF US!
6



WE'RE NOT RUNNING A COUNTRY CLUB HERE !!!
WELL, THOSE MEMBERS SEEM TO BE PAYING THEIR DUES!
WE HAVE DISCIPLINE HERE---
FOR THE CAUSE !!!
YOU'LL SPEND FORTY HOURS IN HERE---
WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER !!!
OUR MEMBERS LEARN TO SACRIFICE !!!
ONLY THE STRONG WILL SURVIVE THE DAYS TO COME!
7


LET'S GO, PETE!
WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
FIRST, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEIR GUNBOAT!!!
OUR SUB WILL COME IN HANDY!!!
I'LL RIDE PIGGY-BACK!!!
8


TAKE HER DOWN, PETE!
NOW---
WHEN WE MAKE OUR ESCAPE---
THIS GUNBOAT WON'T CHASE US---
---WITHOUT PROPELLERS !!!
9



THIS IS A GOOD HIDING SPOT!
SOMEONE ELSE LIKES THIS SPOT, TOO!
LOOK! IN THAT ABANDONED MINE SHAFT!!!
GOLD!!!...
A FORTUNE!!!
LET'S SEE WHERE IT CAME FROM!!!


YOU SOLD EVERYTHING--- ---TO FOLLOW ME!
YOU GAVE ME YOUR MONEY--- --- BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH!!!
TAKE OFF YOUR WATCHES!
YOUR RINGS!!!
I WANT EVERYTHING!!!
FOR THE CAUSE!!!
HE'S GOT THEM ALL BRAIN-WASHED!!!
11


LEADER--- WHERE HAS YOUR LOVE GONE ???
WHERE IS THE PEACE YOU PROMISED ???
YOU'LL HAVE NOTHING... UNTIL OUR CAUSE TRIUMPHS !!!
BUT WE'RE CONFUSED !!!
YOU TAUGHT US TO HATE OUR PARENTS !!!
QUIET !!!
THIS IS A CULT !!!
YOU WILL FOLLOW ME OR DIE!
THEY'RE ALL VICTIMS OF A FALSE LEADER !!!
OUR CAUSE IS HOLY !!!
YOU WILL OBEY ME!
HE LIES AND MAKES THREATS !!!
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HE'S USING EVERY TRICK TO CONTROL THEM!
THEY'VE BECOME PRISONERS!!!...
IT'S TIME WE WENT FISHING, TOM!
GOOD CATCH!!!...
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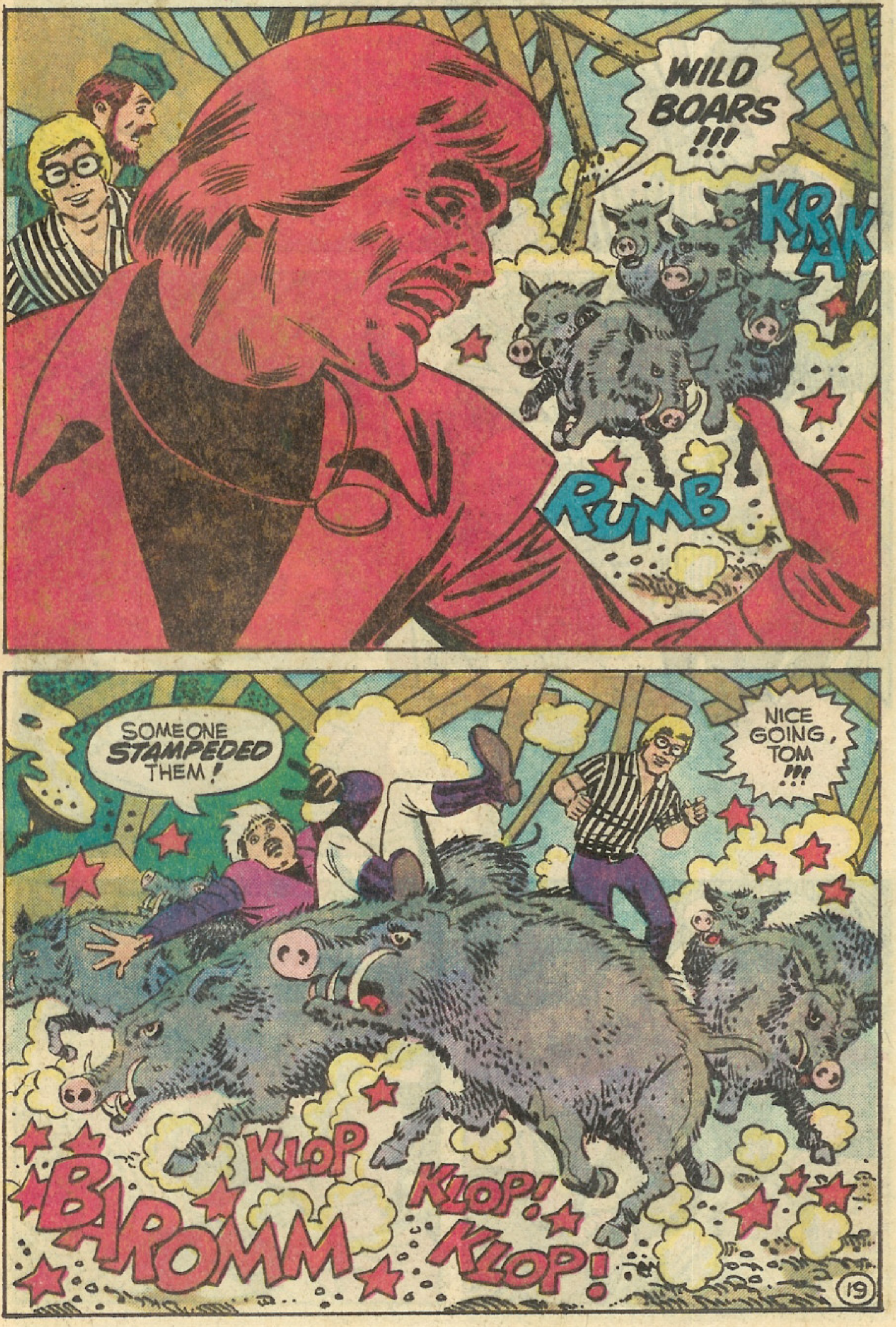

THE GUARDS ARE ON ICE!
NOW WE'LL MAKE CONTACT WITH A CULT MEMBER!
SHE'S THE ONE WHO SPOKE UP AT THE MEETING!
PSSST---
DO YOU LOVE JESUS???
OF COURSE!!!
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE!!!
I THOUGHT THIS WAS A CHRISTIAN COLONY!
BUT I WAS FOOLED!!!


MOST OF US HAVE BEEN INTO EVERYTHING---
---SEARCHING---
---NOW WE'RE HERE---
TRAPPED!!!
HOW MANY WANT TO ESCAPE?
MOST OF US!!!
BUT WE'RE AFRAID TO TRY!
WELL ROUND UP THOSE WE CAN TRUST! WE'LL MAKE A BASE IN THE JUNGLE!
15


I'LL WORK ON THE INSIDE !!!
KEEP IN TOUCH ON OUR MICRO-RADIO,* PETE!
*MICRO-RADIO
SMALL RADIO TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER IN PETE'S GLASSES AND TOM'S WATCH!
I'M ENTERING THE LION'S DEN, TOM !!!
COME !!!
STAND BY, TOM--- I MAY NEED YOU !!!
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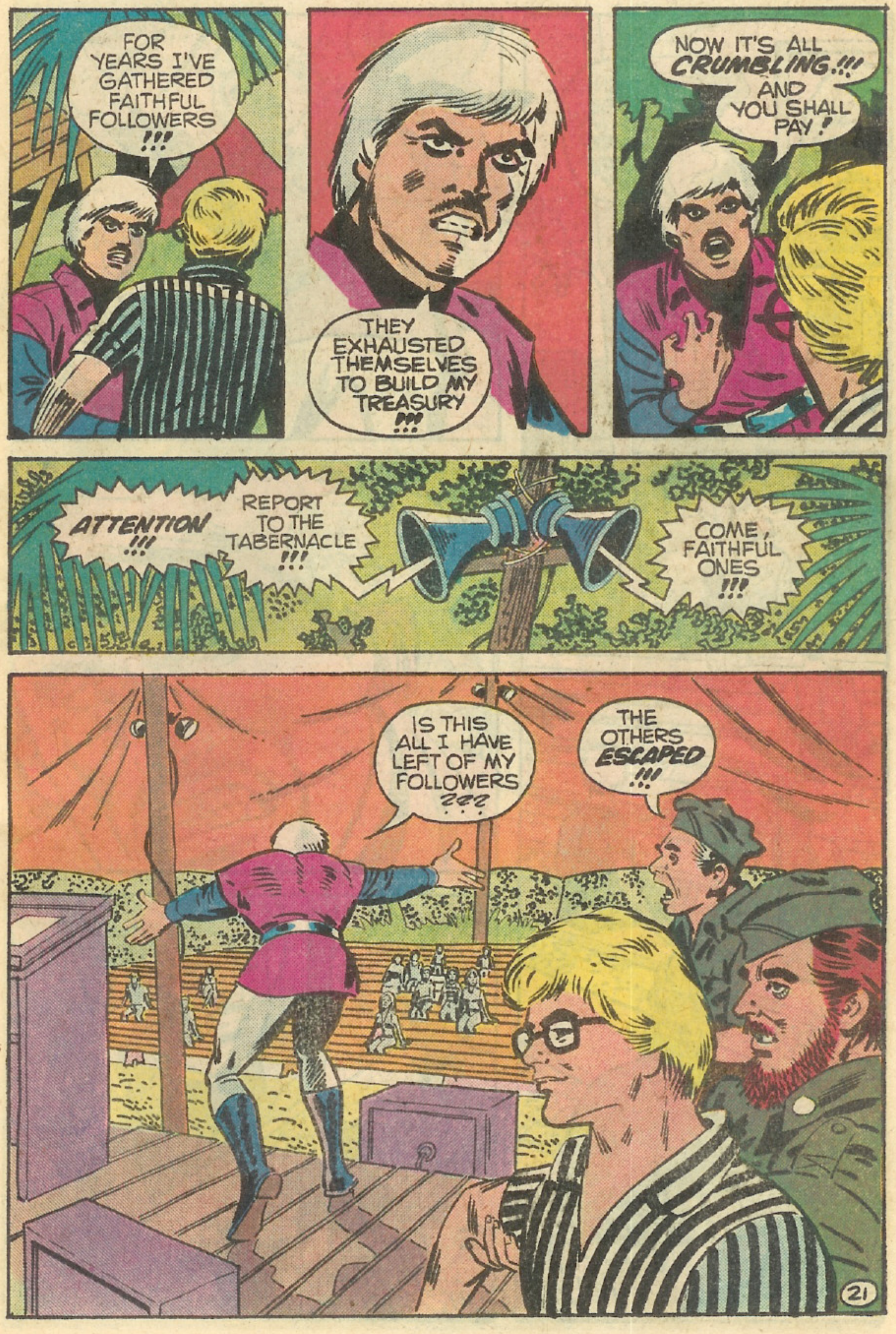

THEY'RE TAKING HIM TO THE LEADER!!!
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU! YOU'RE PETE BROTHERS!!! YOUR FATHER IS A MISSIONARY DOCTOR!!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
AND I UNDERSTAND MANY OF YOUR FOLLOWERS COME FROM CHRISTIAN HOMES!
DID YOU COME TO FOLLOW MY MEMBERS---
---OR TO LEAD THEM AWAY???
17


SEVERAL OF MY STAFF WERE TIED UP IN TREES !!!
HE'S CLOSING IN ON PETE!
THERE WERE TWO WHO TIED MY MEN !!!
WE'D BETTER MOVE !!! ...
DR. BROTHERS HAS TWO SONS!
WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER ???
FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK!
SNORT! THRAK! KAROMBLE!
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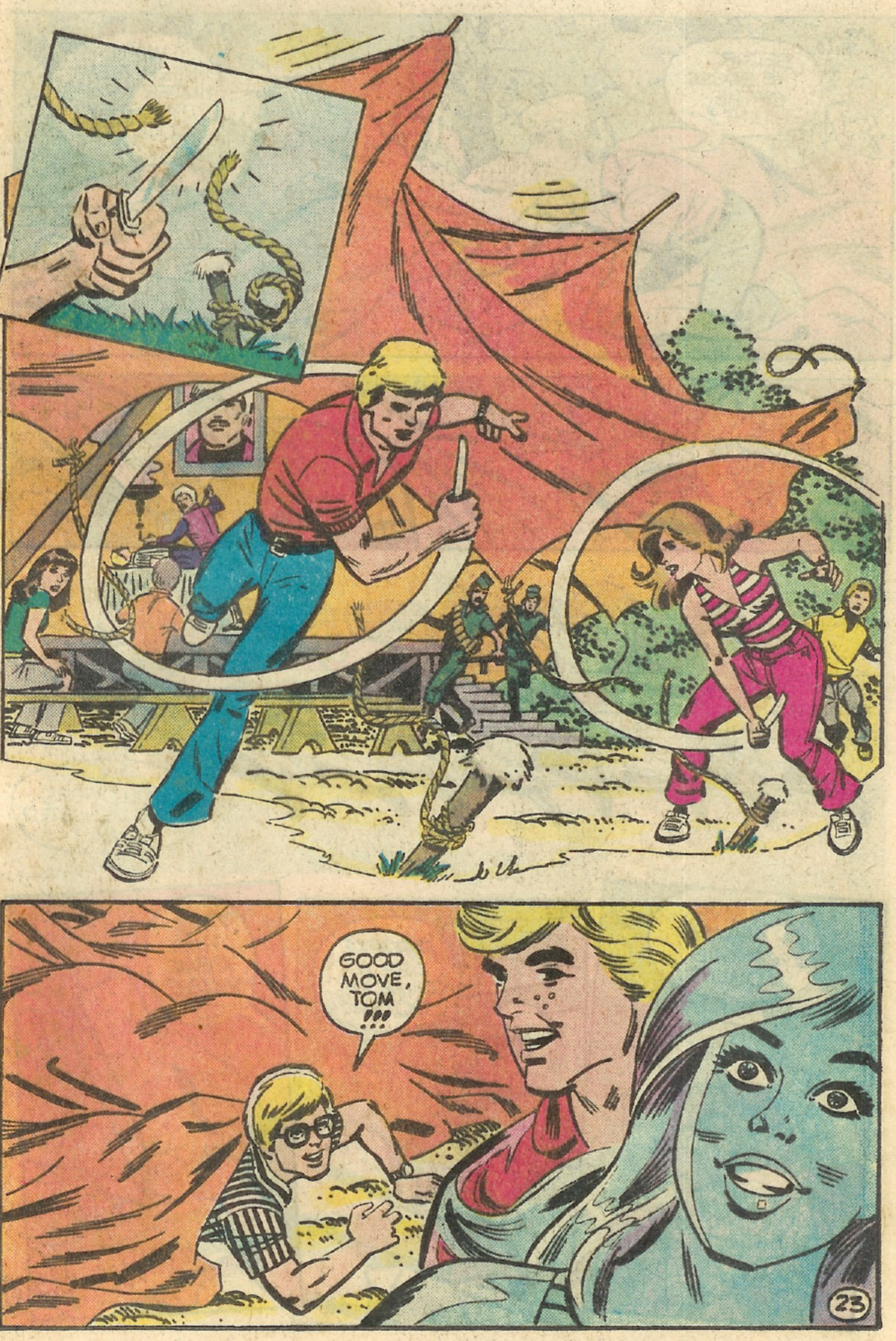


WILD BOARS !!!
KRAK
RUMB
SOMEONE STAMPEDED THEM!
NICE GOING, TOM !!!
KLOP
BAROMM
KLOP!
KLOP!
19


IS THAT THE MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF GOD ???
MY GOD IS IN CONTROL OF THINGS !!!
YOUR LEADER CAN'T EVEN CONTROL HIMSELF!
LEADER!
OUR MEMBERS ARE RUNNING AWAY!
THIS PIG THING WAS A DIVERSION!!!
AND YOU'RE BEHIND IT!
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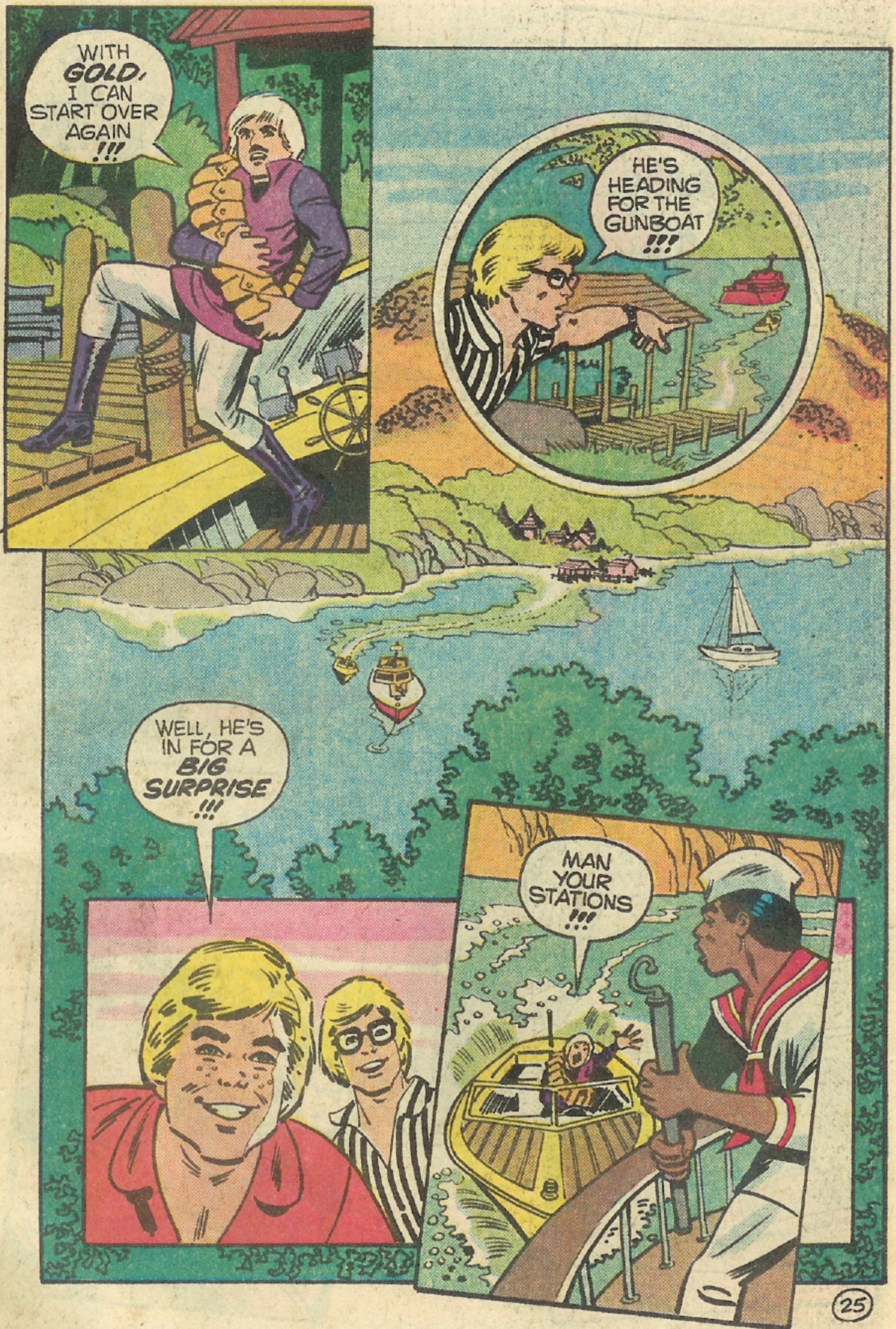

FOR YEARS I'VE GATHERED FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS !!!
THEY EXHAUSTED THEMSELVES TO BUILD MY TREASURY !!!
NOW IT'S ALL CRUMBLING !!! AND YOU SHALL PAY!
ATTENTION !!!
REPORT TO THE TABERNACLE !!!
COME, FAITHFUL ONES !!!
IS THIS ALL I HAVE LEFT OF MY FOLLOWERS ???
THE OTHERS ESCAPED !!!
21


THEN THESE ARE MY HARD CORE !!!
THEY SHALL JOIN ME AT THE ALTAR !!!
AND WE'LL PRESENT A SACRIFICE !!!
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GOOD MOVE, TOM!!!...



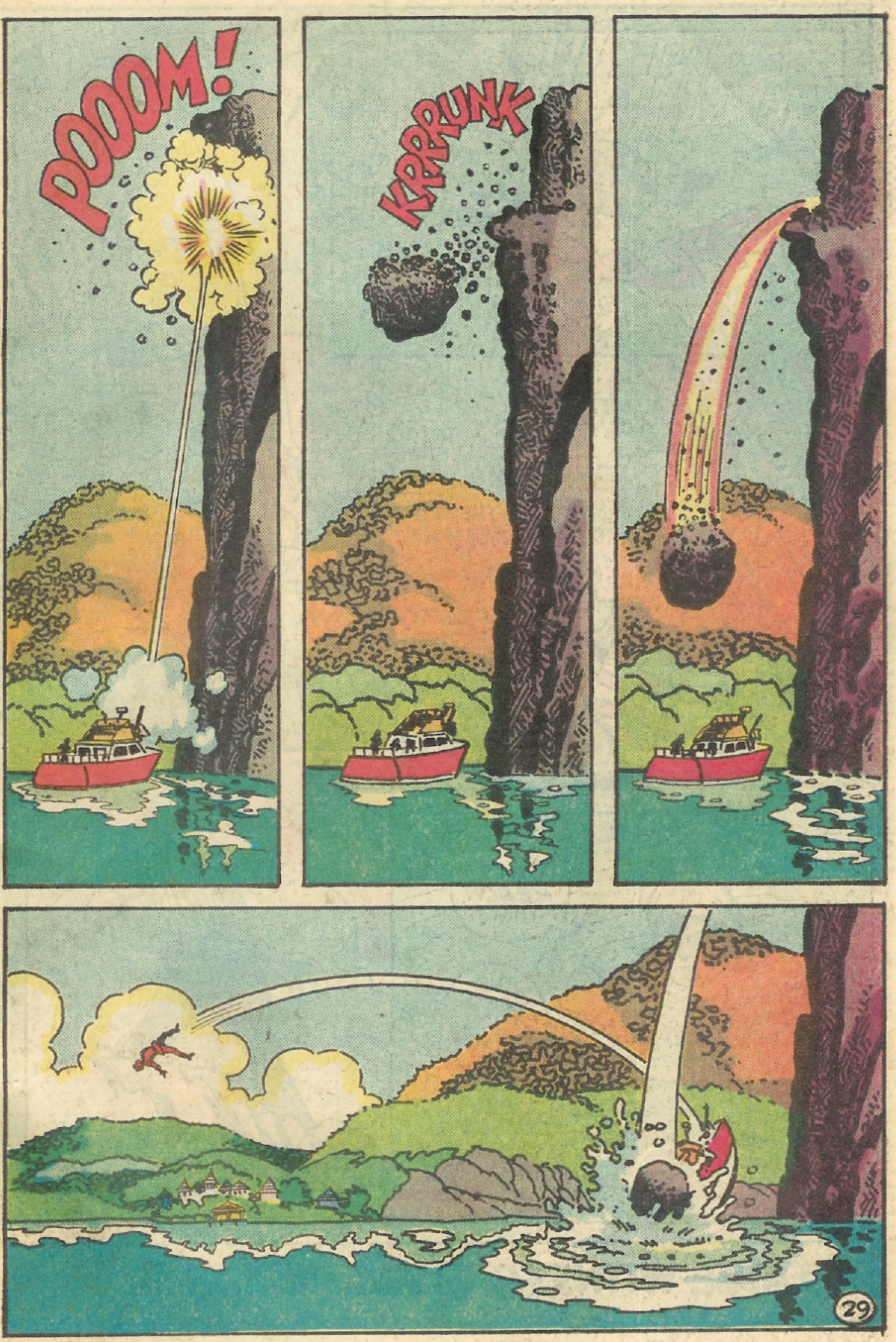
SECURE THE EDGES OF THE TENT!
WE'LL KEEP THEM UNDER WRAPS UNTIL THEY COOL OFF!!!
TOM! THE LEADER'S GETTING AWAY!!!
MY FOLLOWERS HAVE DESERTED ME!
BUT I'VE PLANNED FOR THIS MOMENT!
PEOPLE ARE A DIME A DOZEN!
THIS HAS REAL VALUE!!!


WITH GOLD, I CAN START OVER AGAIN !!!
HE'S HEADING FOR THE GUNBOAT !!!
WELL, HE'S IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE !!!
MAN YOUR STATIONS !!!

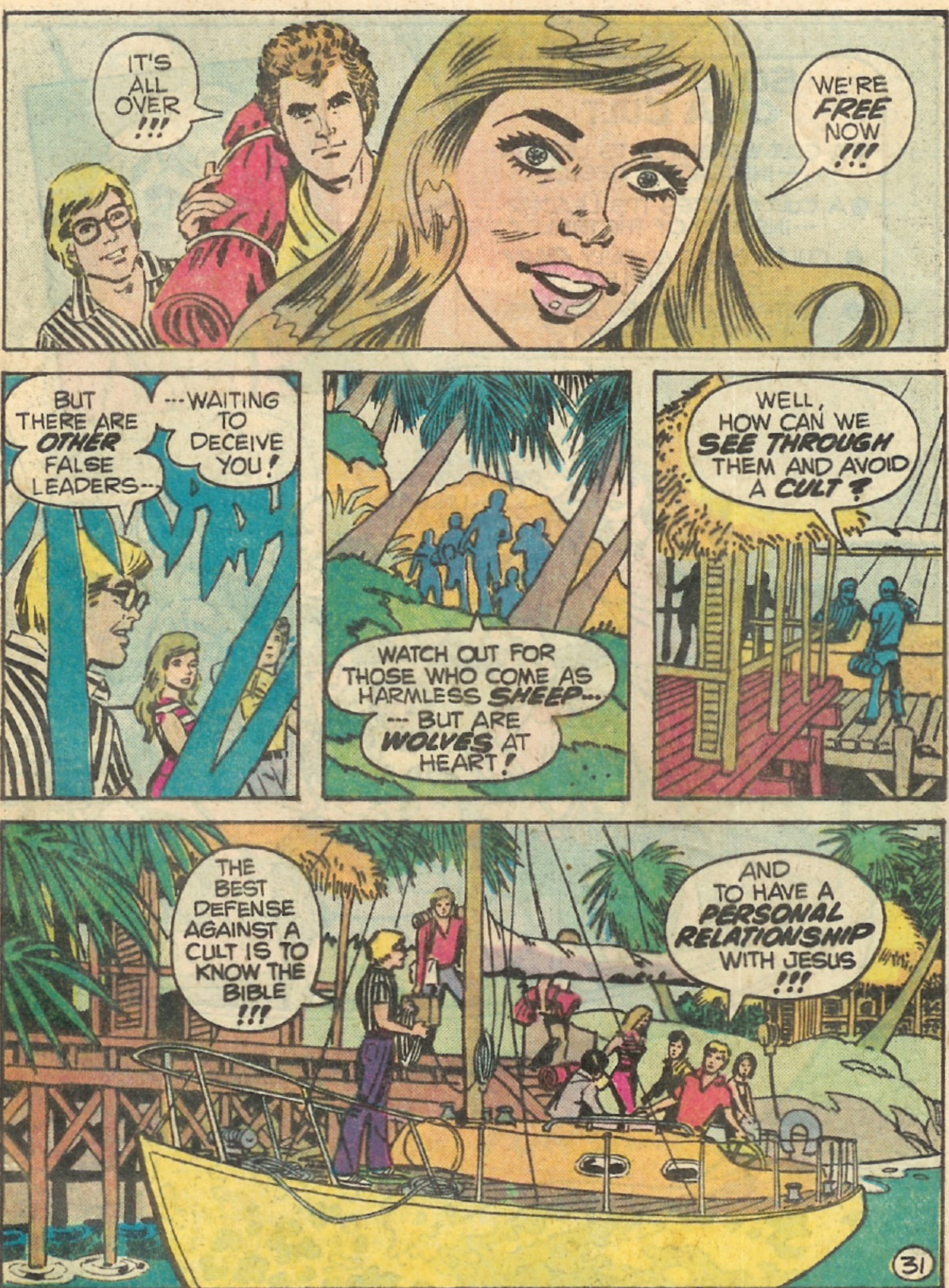

START THE ENGINES !!!
LIFT THE ANCHOR !!!
NOW COMES THE GOOD PART!
FULL SPEED AHEAD !!!
WE'RE NOT MOVING !!!


I'LL TAKE COMMAND !!!
WITH NO PROPELLERS ON THOSE SHAFTS, THE ENGINE RPM'S WILL RUN TOO HIGH!!!
VAROOOM!!
THERE GOES A PISTON HEAD !!!
POW!
27


THE BROTHERS BROTHERS !!!
I'LL DEAL WITH THEM!
HE'S AIMING AT US !!!
THAT'S NOT AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN...
HE CAN'T AIM THIS HIGH!
WELL, HE'S TRYING !!!
KA-POW!
28


POOOM!
KRRRUNK


SPLAT!
I'LL TRY TO SAVE HIM!
THERE'S NO WAY! THE WATER'S TOO DEEP!
I CAN'T REACH HIM!
THE GOLD TOOK HIM ALL THE WAY DOWN!!!
30
A FALSE WITNESS SHALL PERISH!
SEE PROVERBS 21 : 28



YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH... AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE! SEE JOHN 8:32



ARE YOU SEARCHING?

WHAT'S LIFE ALL ABOUT? HOW DO WE SPEND IT?

LET JESUS COME INTO YOUR LIFE!

AND SHOW YOU HOW TO *LIVE!*

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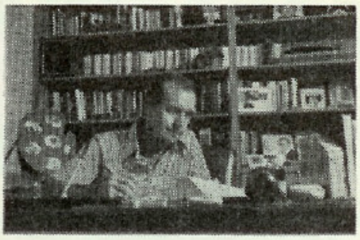


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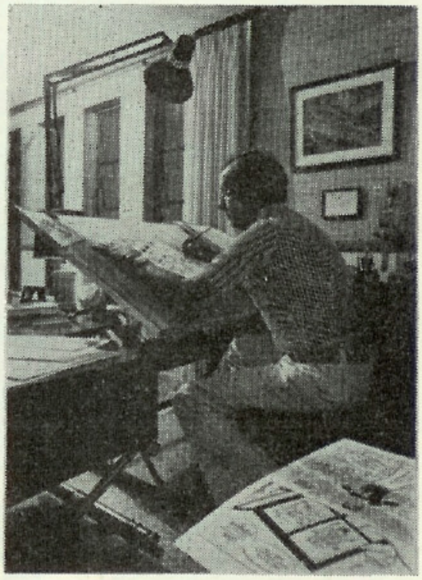


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